



WRIGHT COUNTY
MINNESOTA

ADMIN Only – Program Administration

ARP Status GRANT APPLICATION SENT	ARP Program Managing Agency/Department WRIGHT COUNTY DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE AND DRAINAGE	ARP Term or End Date
ARP Adopted Program Name WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	ARP Grant Managing Agency/Department WRIGHT COUNTY DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE AND DRAINAGE	Grant Amount Requested \$2500000.00
ARP Project Name (if applicable) WCAG-006 COUNTY DITCH #33 WETLAND RESTORATION	ARP Tier Rating	Grant Amount Awarded
ARP Award# WCAG-006	ARP Risk Score	Grant Amount Dispersed
ARP Funding ARP Established		

American Rescue Plan Program Request

Program Name WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	Description* This proposed project along County Ditch #33 would include wetland enhancements (NRCS Code 659), wetland restorations (NRCS code 657), critical area planting (NRCS Code 342), and the installation of a structure for water control (NRSC Code 587). This project also has the potential for a small amount of wetland creation (NRCS Code 658) along with added trails and walkways (NRCS Code 575). This project will provide significant water storage, treatment, and wildlife habitat improvement for the residents of Monticello and the benefitted landowners along County Ditch #33. description of proposed program (required)
Program Category* INFRASTRUCTURE	
Program Type* WRIGHT CTY – MULTI YEAR PROGRAM (NO GRANT)	

Eligibility and Requested Funding

American Rescue Plan – Fiscal Recovery Funds – Expenditure Category *
5.9 Clean Water: Nonpoint Source

Grant Contact Information

Legal Name of Business /

Agency *

Wright County

Type of Business

Wright County

Federal Tax ID

41-126861

MN State Tax ID

8027645

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Location same as mailing
address?

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Additional Information Based On Program Type

ARP Program Type

WRIGHT CTY - MULTI YEAR PROGRAM (NO GRANT)

Program / Project Information

Explain how the proposed program will work. The narrative should answer the following questions as appropriate.

- What is the purpose of the program?
- Why is the program needed?
- What is included in the program?
- How will the program be structured?
- Who will oversee the program?
- Who will participate in the program?
- If the managing agency will be administering grants, how will the grant award and management process function?
- How long the program will last or what is the overall schedule?

Detailed narrative answering the above: *

The Wright County Drainage Authority in partnership with the Wright Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is looking to utilize ARP funding to provide water treatment and storage as well as improving wildlife habitat. This proposed project would include the installation of 1 water control structure (NRCS code 687) and the purchase of land/impoundment easements for these wetland enhancement sites. We will be utilizing consultants in the instance that this project becomes enrolled in the Wetland Mitigation Banking Program (WMBP) or a similar program. This project would target a reduction of sediments, nutrients, and provide significant peak flow reductions to the surrounding area. This project will provide water storage as well as improve wildlife habitat for this area and will help with significant flooding along the County Ditch #33 system.

This project will be managed by the Wright County Drainage Authority lead by Matthew Detjen. We will work closely with the Wright SWCD and can lean on their expertise throughout the project. Wright SWCD has multiple staff members, one engineer and two technicians, working on the existing and potential Clean Water Fund Grant projects, in addition to assistance from NRCS staff, therefore enough staff hours are available to complete multiple projects simultaneously. This project will follow the standard bidding process and will be brought to the board for final approval. The project will likely be completed sometime in 2023, as the project is still in the early design/planning stage with Wright County, the City of Monticello, and Monticello Township.

How will you measure success of the program? *

The success of the project will be shown in a reduction of sediment and peak flow. The project also has the added benefit of wildlife habitat improvement, which we will be able to estimate after the final design is completed. This project could also include a potential walking path around the project and would include education information to the public on wetland enhancement while also increasing interest in outdoor recreational activities. These projects are approved through the National Engineering Handbook.

Provide a narrative explaining why this funding is being requested.

The size of the project makes it infeasible for the landowner to cover the cost of the entire project.

Project Cost Breakdown:

Construction: \$250,000

Impoundment Easements: \$200,000

Consulting: \$20,000

Breakdown of Requested Funding

Itemize for multiple allocations, enter one line for One Time allocations (click Add for each line item)

Type	Description	Funding Requested
Other	construction	\$250000.00
Other	consulting	\$20000.00
Other	Easements	\$200000.00

Total of Funding Requested
470000.00

Is the detailed program or project eligible for funding under the American Rescue Plan – Fiscal Recovery Fund guidelines?

Yes No

Narrative:

Per Doug Green email dated 9/14/21 –Wetland protection and enhancement is an eligible expense. Expenditure Category 5.6, 5.8 or 5.9

EPA Overview of CWSRF Eligibilities (Page 19)

Habitat Protection and Restoration Eligible habitat protection and restoration projects include shoreline activities, instream activities, and capital costs associated with the control of invasive vegetative and aquatic species. The purchase of water rights to support fish and aquatic life habitat is also eligible (see Surface Water Protection and Restoration).

Is the detailed program or project eligible for funding under other parts of the American Rescue Plan?

Yes No

Narrative:

American Rescue Plan – Fiscal Recovery Funds – Expenditure Category

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Expenditure Category VALIDATED

Yes No

Reviewed by:

Member Gabrielle Lechner	Date 09/15/2021
Member Lee Kelly	Date 09/15/2021
Member Lindsey Meyer	Date 09/15/2021
Member Heather Lemieux	Date 09/15/2021
Member John Holler	Date 09/15/2021
Member Ryan Kotila	Date 09/15/2021
Member Greg Kryzer	Date 09/15/2021
Member Elizabeth Karels	Date 09/15/2021

Review Dates and Forum

Date 09/20/2021	Action Hold/Pending	Comments / Directions On hold pending action from Monticello.
Forum COTW	Other	

Distributions

Date of Distribution	Warrant #	Acct Code	Distribution Amount	Description/Comment	Date Committee	Committee Members	Date Board	Board Members
					Apr	present	Apr	present